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Prior to the Judiciary Committee making their final report to the Board of Delegates, of an act to be submitted to the Legislature, for the government of the Fire Department, would it not be well to adopt some new mode, whereby the elections in the Fire Department, may not be so close upon the heels of each other.

First we have the Delegates selected from each company; then the organization of the Board, and the election of its officers; immediately after which comes the election for Chief and Assistant Engineers, of the organization, and then at the very moment of their elevation being announced, comes the election of three Bell Ringers, on the City Hall Bell; and in the short space of sixty days, under the present system, there is too much log rolling and who pulling; and the election of one branch of the officers of the Department, made to depend too much on the election of the other. On the principle of "I'll tickle you, if you'll tickle me."

It is useless for prominent members of the Department (we say prominent for the reason the mass of the firemen have no hand in it only and are used to carry out the views of designing men) to deny it, the thing is a fact and they know it. The only clear way which appears to us, to remedy the matter, is to strike at the root of all the evil "the office of Chief Engineer," and make that elective every three years, giving him a good salary, for the work he performs. We do not believe in harassing the Fire Department every year, with the election of a Chief; threatening one company, to his support, and cajoling another. We desire to see the time come when the firemen will vote "for themselves," that is according to the dictates of their own feelings and conscience. We are disgusted with the idea of a man being led by the nose up to the polls, and voting not his own mind feelings, and impulse, but those of another, who after using him, kick him one side. There has been too much of that in this Fire Department. Let there be a change. In a former article we stated, that we thought it would be well, to elect the three Assistant Engineers, on the 4th of May of every year, and not at the time of the election of Chief. Our impression now is that a great improvement in that could be made by allowing the three Assistant Engineers elected on the 4th May 1857, (those elected in December next serving until that time,) to hold office according to the number of votes received. For instance, the person receiving the highest number of votes for Assistant, serving three years, the next highest two years, and the next highest one year. By that means there would be but one Assistant to elect every year, for the term of "three years," and his election would be so far removed from that of the Chief, that one would have no bearing upon the other. We are strongly of the opinion that the firemen desire some change, in regard to the time of holding the various elections in the organization; in regard to the above we know of no better, than that we have above suggested, to the Judiciary Committee.

Letter from Mrs. Julia Dean Hayne.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, Secretary S. F. F. D.

Sir—Having been informed that the Fire Department contemplate making an appeal to the citizens of San Francisco, to aid them in the purchase of hose, it affords me pleasure to contribute my feeble aid, and tender you my services in any manner you think best calculated to advance the object in view.

Truly appreciating as I do, the invaluable services of the Fire Department, I shall feel proud to assist in advancing their interest and usefulness. At an early period after my return from the interior, I will be most happy to learn in what manner I may best serve you.

Yours very respectfully,  
JULIA DEAN HAYNE.

San Francisco, Nov. 7, 1856.

We received at a late hour last evening, the above beautiful note from Mrs. Hayne, and give it place with unfeigned pleasure in our columns this morning. We can assure the talented lady who so nobly and disinterestedly places her services at the command of the Firemen—that no class of men know how to appreciate such an act better than they. As a committee has been appointed to carry out the object, which has called forth so prompt and kind a response from Mrs. Hayne, we have placed the letter in their possession, to carry out their charitable intent. On behalf of the Firemen of San Francisco, we tender Mrs. Hayne, our heartfelt thanks for her generosity. Firemen forgive a neglect, but never forget a kindness.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—The Board of Supervisors meet this morning at 11 o'clock. We hope they will pass the bill of Major Cowing, the water contractor. Those bills are perfectly just and legal and should be paid. The idea propagated by the "Consolidation Bill," that they should be repaid on a technicality, is infamous, and well worthy the source from whence it emanates. If the bills are not paid, the city can for the future, if she has, pay cash for her water; it is not for her to pay for the water.

NOMINATIONS.—Alexander Devore has been nominated, as a candidate for re-election as Assistant Engineer, at the ensuing election by Columbian Engine Company No. 11, of which he is a member.

THOMAS 14.—This company nominated on Monday evening last, their firemen, Mr. Caleb Clapp, as a candidate for Assistant Engineer at the next election.

MEETINGS.—California No. 4 and Kinkadee Engine Co. No. 4, held adjourned meetings on Monday evening next.

## Expenses of the Fire Department.

We are under obligations to Mr. George F. Kohler, the efficient deputy County auditor for the following statement of the expenses of the Fire Department since the Consolidation Bill went into effect, as drawn from that immense fund of eight thousand dollars per annum, appropriated by the liberal Hawes for its support.

1856.

Sept. 1. S. F. Gas Company, gas furnished Houses, \$319 34

" L. H. Robie St. Francis H. & L. Co., 37 50

" Sawyer, Johnson & Co. Oil & Tallow, 87 81

" Neefus & Ayres, repairing hose, 201 00

" J. Berry & Co., Engines, 41 60

" J. E. Nuttman, Caudron Kettle, 20 00

" 17 J. Jennhan, rent Tiger Engine House, 30 00

" J. Purcell, Neats foot oil 20 gal, 40 00

" 32 W. Free, Repairs on Relief Engine, 65 00

Oct. 1. Bonny, Brooks & Moore, Repair of Fire Engines, 213 75

" D. T. Van Orden, building engine corner Pacific and Stockton sts, 1145 00

" Neefus & Ayres, rep's on Engine Charles Gray repairs on Hose, 250 00

" H. E. Perry, Repairs on Crescent Engine House, 545 00

" J. Berry & Co., Repairs For Fire Department, 112 00

" S. F. Gas Co., gas furnished Sawyer, Johnson & Co., 1 lbbl, 21 gallons, 37 75

" F. Jennhan, Rent of Tiger Engine house, 30 00

" 10 Geo. Mellet, Lighting, 20 00

" Bonny, Brooks & Moore, Repairing Engines, 114 00

" S. F. Ross, Repairing roof of California Engine house, 40 00

" S. F. Gas Co., Gas furnished houses, 314 98

" 24 M. Lynch, oil and camphine for Fire Department, 15 00

" 20 J. Berry & Co., Repairing for Fire Department, 147 00

" 27 A. Barber, Painting Engine house of No. 11, 35 00

" 27 C. Ostner, Plastering engine house of No. 11, 42 00

" Worthington & Hayes, Painting Engine house of No. 4, 150 00

" John Laimbeer, Cementing St. Francis H. & L. house, 180 00

" Neefus & Ayres, Repairing Engine, 398 00

" W. Free, work on Howard Engine, 63 75

Total, \$2295 72.

From the above it will be seen that a large portion of the amount set apart for the support of the Department has been expended. There is now to the credit of the fund, \$2704 28

Within a month there is to be paid out of that amount, \$2416 25

For building cistern at the corner of Third and Mission sts., 945 00

Major Cowing, Water Bill, 1471 25

Leaving in the Treasury for the Fire Department, \$288 03

This amount must, if the Consolidation Bill, or that portion which relates to the Fire Department is not repealed, support the organization until July 1st, 1857. There are 17 companies composing the Department, which the (\$288,03) equally divided among them, would give each company, in the neighborhood of \$17 to pay their entire expenses for eight months. Captain Cowing the water contractor, has further bills against the city and county for filling cisterns amounting to \$499,34, which brings the Department into debt \$211,31. But if Horace Hawes succeeds in persuading the new Board of Supervisors to repudiate the \$1471,25 account of Captain Cowing, why the Department may "go again," for a while; but probably the Supervisors will thwart Hawes's dishonest motives, pay Captain C., who is entitled to the money, and then the firemen will become in reality "beggars."

We have been charged with improper motives in holding up Horace Hawes to the scorn and hate of the firemen; but the very statement we now present, stamps the lie on the face of the charge. In presenting this for the consideration of the Citizens and Firemen, it is not drawn from imagination, but from facts and figures as entered upon the record books of the city and county. When the new Board of Supervisors come into office, there will not be one dollar in the fund, appropriated to the Fire Department wherewith to pay its current expenses, and it will be at least four months before any change can be made, and then if under the specious, but lying garb of reform, Horace Hawes can again succeed in preventing the firemen from obtaining some redress, it will be eight months, before one dollar can be expended in keeping up the organization.

The Fire department of the city, including salaries, can be easily supported on twenty five thousand dollars per annum, which would be on an average of \$2093,33 per month, and even at that sum it would be less than nine-tenths of the Fire Departments in the Atlantic cities, cost the governments which support them. In placing the expenses of the Department including salaries at \$25,000 per annum, we take no cognizance of building and filling cisterns and keeping them in repair, and the purchase of hose and apparatus; both of which expenditures the Department should not be made liable for. In the city of New York there is what is called a water tax, no there ought to be here, and the amount arising from the same could be expended in building, filling and repairing cisterns.

The idea of supporting a fire department like that of this city, on eight thousand dollars per annum, and building two or the cisterns out of that amount, at a cost of three or four thousand dollars, is so thoroughly imbecile that we believe no one but Horace Hawes could, or would have advanced it; and he only did it we are credibly informed for the purpose of injuring the organization. We also are informed that Hawes has another bright idea; loaned him for a while by another "Reformer," that eight thousand dollars isn't enough to support the Department upon, why let the citizens subscribe, until the required amount is procured. Mark! you therefore citizens of San Francisco, and you particularly who have lately voted for Reformation, that Horace Hawes's game is after you have once paid your taxes at the reduced rates of the Consolidation Bill, at the proper office, you must come up to the old rate of taxation, by subscription, to support the very institutions for which you have been taxed, and for what? Why simply to allow an intriguing demagogue to make capital of you by chalking on his back "Consolidation Bill and Reform," while the sum is chalked up against you in dollars and cents. We have often wondered why, if Hawes's Consolidation Bill was so popular, and would work so many reforms, and as he was the only one who could in any way translate its meaning, he was not nominated by any of the great political parties of the day for the Presidency of the Board of Supervisors. It was unkind and unjust to the good & reformer. Where were the gentlemen who composed the committee of twenty-one, that they so ably treated the people's friend, "Horace Hawes, ably creditable to the Board of Delegates."

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## A Card to the Public.

The undersigned Engineers and Foremen of Engine Companies of the Fire Department of this City, present to the public their respectful petition for the purchase of the Hose now in this city—imposed for the use of the Department. Some three months since a subscription was circulated upon which the inconsiderable sum of \$800 was collected. Measly made up by some eight or ten citizens. Aware of the great depression which has of late existed in the business community, and also of the fact that the City Authorities, were wholly unable to fulfill their agreements with the importers, the Fire Department has failed to press its claims, awaiting patiently the time, when either, those whose property they labor to save, should be in better condition to subscribe, or the city in a position to make the purchase. Meantime, the hose in the Department has been rotting and bursting, until it has become almost worthless, and it is now indispensable to the preservation of the efficiency of the Department that they should have new—Scarcely a fire occurs but ten to twelve lengths are burst, and none but firemen can appreciate the importance of sustaining a stream when once placed in position. The Department records, show that at thirteen fires occurring between July 1st, and Oct. 31st, about three thousand feet of hose have been burst or otherwise rendered unfit for service. In several instances the bursting of hose, was the undoubted cause of the spread of fires which otherwise would have been easily subdued, and from the same cause the city is liable at any moment to suffer from serious conflagrations. We therefore feel compelled to appeal to those who have property at stake, for the necessary apparatus for its protection.

The amount of hose remaining of the new invoice is seven thousand five hundred feet—two thousand five hundred feet having been sold to interior Departments. A committee of the undersigned will in a few days present a new Subscription List, and for its favorable consideration, we respectfully appeal to the liberality of the community.

JAMES E. NUTTMAN, Chief Engineer,  
WILLIAM FREE, First Asst. Engineer,  
JOS. CAPRICCI, Second Asst. Engineer,  
ALEXANDER DEVORE, Third Asst. Engineer,  
David Scannell, Foreman Engine Co. No. 1

Ira Cole, " " " " " 2

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[The above card speaks for itself, and comment on our part at this time is unnecessary. We have already said and written all we can on the subject, and have well nigh exhausted our vocabulary in endeavoring to impress upon the mind of the public the importance of the subject. We will wait and see whether the above has the desired effect or not. Ed.]

## The Military.

We understand a movement is on foot to re-organize the Military companies of this city, and endeavor to place them upon the same basis of prosperity which distinguished them, anterior to the emergency which caused so great a revulsion a few months since. The obstacles which prevented their continuing under the old regime, have been removed, the proclamation withdrawn, the State arms delivered up to the proper authorities, and the exciting events attendant upon the election, having passed, we cannot for our part see any good reason why the Military companies of the city should not again come together, elect the proper officers, and by constant practice, attain a reputation for soldierly drill, second to none in the Union. Let the past be buried in oblivion; let each company appoint delegates to meet in convention, and man to man, endeavor to propose a mode of re-organization which will be acceptable to all parties interested. Such a crisis as that which this city has just passed through, will never again occur; and for that reason there should be no hesitation in seeking to revive the Military spirit of our people. We believe that every company would be much more prosperous, if its members were marshalled under a legitimate head.

VERY INAPPROPRIATE.—On Thursday evening we had a very gratifying endorsement of our estimate of the appreciative qualities of the American Theatre, at the present times. Miss Provost sang the "Martyr's Requiem." He died at his post doing duty. This, to say the least of it, was in questionable taste; but at its close, when the audience cheered the vocalist lustily, Herod was as Herod. Instead of the people there assembled rising, in respect to the memory of the departed, or sitting in silence, they broke out in hearty cheers and *encored* Miss Provost; reminding us of the time when at a public dinner, three cheers were given for the memory of Washington, and the health of Lafayette was drank. Could anything have been more devoid of taste or appreciation. At the close there was a piece of fireworks gotten up, having a tendency as we understood it, to represent the "Martyr" in whose honor the Requiem was sung, according to the realms above. The fireworks were well prepared by those best of manufacturers Messrs. Tripp and Duglion, but from some bungling on the part of those shifting the scenes, the effect was lost. We are astonished that the friends of the late Mr. King do not interfere to prevent such a scurrilous use being made of his name and memory. The people can form an estimate of his life and virtues without the aid of clap trap and blue fire.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—A special meeting of the Board of Delegates will be held on Monday evening next, for the purpose of trying George H. Hoesfross, foreman of Monumental No. 6, for alleged disobedience of orders. The charges are preferred by the Chief of the Department, and respect to him should induce a full Board to be present on Monday evening. The beggarly account of empty chairs on Saturday evening, was by no means creditable to the Board of Delegates.

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